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BOOK NOTICES.

Hand-Book of the Law of Bills and Notes. By Charles P. Norton, of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Law School. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1893. Price, \$3.50 net.

This work of Prof. Norton's is not designed as an exhaustive treatise on the subject. The author's purpose is rather to present with clearness and conciseness the essentials of the law of bills and notes, and thereby to facilitate the work of the law-student. In this he has met with a reasonable degree of success. Two features of the book call for special notice, viz: (1) a digest, or succinct statement, of the principles to be discussed printed in large black type at the beginning of each chapter, and (2) a number of hypothetical cases given at the close of each chapter as exercises for the practical application of the law.

The Law of Wills. By John B. Cassoday, LL.D., Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of Wisconsin, and a Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1893.

This work contains the substance of a series of lectures delivered by the author before the College of Law of the University of Wisconsin. It is a very brief statement of the law of wills, based upon the old English statutes which underlie the law of the American States, but pointing out the changes which have been made. The brevity of the discussion, however, is compensated by the numerous references to leading cases and by the clearness with which the principles of Law are enunciated.

The American Digest (Annual, 1893). West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn.

This publication which appeared about the middle of October is indispensable to the lawyer who desires to keep up with the whole of current case law. It is one of a series, prepared and published annually by the West Publishing Co., which forms a complete digest of American law. The arrangement of the large volume which the summary of all the decisions of the United States Courts, all the Courts of Last Resort and the intermediate courts of several States makes, facilitates its use. The subjects

are arranged alphabetically, and the Denison Index enables one to turn immediately to the topic he wishes to examine. The classification and subdivisions, together with cross-references and the tables of the cases digested, overruled and affirmed render it very convenient.

Medico-Legal Studies, Vol. III. By Clark Bell, Esq. Published by the Medico-Legal Journal, New York.

This book, illustrated by many pictures of eminent men interested in the subject, as well as many plates and diagrams, consists of a collection of essays and discussions of those features of medicine with which lawyers are chiefly concerned. The two themes which have received the most complete treatment are the "Care and Treatment of the Insane" and "Blood and Blood Stains in Medical Jurisprudence," while perhaps the most interesting is "Hypnotism and the Law." The views of many thinkers are embodied in this book, carefully selected and arranged by the author. Indeed, Mr. Bell, who was for many years President of the Medico-Legal Society and is the editor of the Medico-Legal Journal, as well as a member of the New York bar, has succeeded in making this book interesting and attractive as well as useful in that field which lies in the province of both law and medicine.

Lawyers' Reports Annotated, Book 20. Burdett A. Rich editor, and Henry P. Farnham assistant editor. The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. 1893.

This volume contains all the cases of interest and importance decided in the Federal, State and Territorial Courts between October 1892, and June 1893. The annotations, which appear under many of the cases, are clear, well written discussions of questions which are the subject of the decisions. These reports are undoubtedly of great value to practicing attorneys, both on account of the complete notes and because the latest decisions are presented in a well classified form. The changes and progress of the law during the period covered by this volume are divided by the editors into the following classes: (1) Public, Official and Statutory Matters. (2) Contractual and Commercial Relations. (3) Corporations and Associations. (4) Domestic Relations. (5) Fiduciaries and Representatives. (6) Torts; Negligence; Injuries; Nuisances. (7) Property Rights; Liens; Gifts; Wills. (8) Civil Remedies; Rules and Principles. (9) Criminal Law and Practice.